

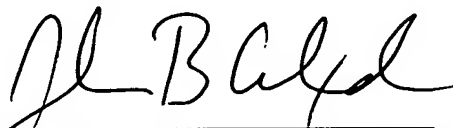
**REMARKS**

Claim 15 has been amended and new claim 18 has been added solely to remove multiple claim dependencies. No new matter is presented by virtue of this Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment prior to examination.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A:  
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

15. (Amended) The process according to claim 13 [or 14], wherein the LH-RH derivative protected with protective group(s) is represented by the formula

5-oxo-Pro-His-Trp-Ser-Tyr-Y-Leu-Arg(X)-Pro-Z

wherein X indicates a protective group, Y indicates a residue selected from DLeu, DAla, DTrp, DSer(tBu), D2Nal and DHis (ImBzl) and Z indicates NH-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or Gly-NH<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

18. (New) The process according to claim 14, wherein the LH-RH derivative protected with protective group(s) is represented by the formula

5-oxo-Pro-His-Trp-Ser-Tyr-Y-Leu-Arg(X)-Pro-Z

wherein X indicates a protective group, Y indicates a residue selected from DLeu, DAla, DTrp, DSer(tBu), D2Nal and DHis (ImBzl) and Z indicates NH-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or Gly-NH<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

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